

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 00-1312-L)**

**PATENT**

<b>In application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Kopreski</b>	)	<b>Before the Examiner:</b>
	)	<b>F. Lu</b>
<b>Serial No. 10/684,633</b>	)	
	)	<b>Group Art Unit: 1634</b>
<b>Filed: October 14, 2003</b>	)	
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<b>For: Detection of Tumor RNA in Plasma or Serum</b>	)	

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 15, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 15, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**Status of the claims.**

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-4 and 11-16 are pending at the issuance of this Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to the specification are set forth on page 2, amendments to the claims begin on page 3, and Applicant's remarks begin on page 8.